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## 9 Kentucky Counties Eligible for FSA Emergency Loans

Lexington KY, September 21, 2005 – Farmers in Boone, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Greenup, Kenton, Lewis, Mason and Pendleton Counties are eligible for emergency loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On September 20, 2005, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns declared 72 counties in Ohio as disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by drought and losses caused by drought and excessive heat that occurred from May 25, 2005 and continuing. As a result, 9 counties in Kentucky qualify as contiguous counties and are eligible for emergency loans through FSA.

FSA will make loans, up to \$500,000 per borrower, at a statutory 3.75 percent interest rate, subject to a test for credit. Applications must be filed with the local FSA County office not later than May 22, 2006.

For additional information on any FSA program, contact your local FSA County office or go on-line at <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky</a>.

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